IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 1657 OF 2003

Jijaba D. Waghmare ...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and Ors. ....Respondent

Mr. P.M. Arjunwadkar, instructed by Mr. G.S. Godbole, for the petitioner.

Mr. V.P. Malvankar, Assistant Government Pleader, for the respondents.

CORAM: **H.S. BEDI, C.J.,** &
V.M. KANADE, J.

DATE: OCTOBER 09, 2006.

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We find the facts of the case to be somewhat startling. The petitioner's land was acquired way back in the year 1992 and despite the fact that fourteen years have gone by, the compensation as assessed by the Land Acquisition Officer has not been disbursed to him. Several representations have also been filed by the petitioner claiming, in addition to the claim for compensation, other reliefs as well, but at the time of the hearing of the petition, the learned counsel for the petitioner has confined his prayer only to the disbursal of the compensation.

2. This writ petition came up for hearing from time to time and despite several opportunities having been granted, no reply was filed leading to the admission of the petition on 19th April, 2004. No reply has been filed even till today.

3. An additional affidavit has been filed by the petitioner pointing out that some letter is alleged to have been written by the respondents calling upon him to accept the compensation. It has been pleaded that no such letter was received by him. We accordingly dispose of this petition with a direction that in case the compensation is due to the petitioner, the same shall be disbursed to him within a period of one month from the date of certified copy of this order by the respondents. Writ Petition is accordingly disposed of. Rule is made absolute accordingly.

CHIEF JUSTICE

V.M. KANADE, J.